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Official Diary

Monday, 15 September 1952

1. Mr. Price, Deputy Director of R&DB, asked whether we had any reaction to a Mr. DeVinney as prospective chairman of their PW research panel. I was unable to find anyone in CIA who was able to give any reaction to Mr. DeVinney and so informed Mr. Price.

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a. This reflected a further development of the [REDACTED] view that the Soviets did not intend to attack and that this would justify a softening of the rearmament program. I feared that the pendulum was swinging too far, since, to some reasonable extent, we would have to base our estimate on capabilities and assume that they could hurt us, unless we had more certainty than we presently had.

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b. With respect to the [REDACTED] view that the Middle East would be the all-important area in the near future, I felt that this was somewhat too optimistic respecting Southeast Asia.

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c. With particular reference to the Middle East, it might be profitable to review the evidence with [REDACTED] as we had done with respect to certain areas in Southeast Asia. The Director approved.

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d. We would have to keep these views of [REDACTED] in mind in making recommendations as to giving them draft estimates, etc. In some instances this would involve being somewhat more liberal, in order to affect their thinking, if possible.

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3. Attended opening of guided missiles joint meeting with [REDACTED]

4. Arranged with Mr. Hoover and General Samford and Mr. Gleason to have the NSC Secretariat reproduce the summary evaluation paper for consideration by the NSC Steering Committee on Wednesday. Notified Mr. Dulles of this meeting and he determined not to attend.

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5. Requested Mr. Sheldon to have a check made as to any intelligence respecting [REDACTED] This was supplementary to a list of names which I had given to him earlier.

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25X1A9a 6. Discussed the special situation relating to Egypt with Mr. [REDACTED] and we determined to speak with Mr. Wisner and Mr. Dulles about this in the near future. I was informed that the factual memorandum had been amended and is being forwarded to me.

7. Attended IADs meeting.

8. Colonel White referred to me a request originating with Mr. Silver of Anna Rosenberg's office. I undertook to follow through and later spoke with Silver, who informed me that they had secured the necessary information from State and there was no need for further action on the part of CIA.

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10. Had dinner with the DCI and [REDACTED] during which time we discussed CIA position on Mr. Lovett's redraft of the directive prepared in connection with the Brownell Committee Report. I am to prepare a paper on this and discuss it with [REDACTED] this weekend.

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